

LOCAL I-S NEWS

for department store workers

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Union and Macy's Lock Horns In Register Battle

The battle of the cash registers is on in full force.

Macy's is fighting to keep them ringing their merry little tune all day long. The company wants the ringers of the keys to sell, wrap, look after stock, and perform a miscellaneous assortment of "all-day duties"—with the most dire consequences to those who commit the sin of leaving any money in the drawer at the end of the day!

President Sam Kovenetsky, Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson—and the Union's entire staff—are fighting for fair play for the workers involved.

Down and Out

Putting on the brass knuckles, Macy's has knocked one person down and another out in the fight to "enforce" their rules and regulations.

Philip Lisanow, of the Closet Shop, has been demoted from his selling job to a stock job. Leona Lassiter, of Better Millinery, has been discharged. Both, according to Macy's, were guilty of the cardinal sin and got only what they deserved.

Union Challenges

Local I-S, however, takes a dim view of Macy's rampage and has challenged the company's harsh disciplinary action as "unjust."

The Union has called on arbitrators to hear the facts in each case and to render impartial verdicts.

Ironically, Miss Lassiter's discharge came hard on the heels of an excellent job review and a Better Job Bureau I rating.

While Miss Lassiter was cut down with the sharp edge of the Macy axe, Mr. Lisanow was smacked with the flat side—despite his three years in the department and seven in the store.

Macy's says that one warning is enough before drastic action is taken. Local I-S is willing to let the arbitrators decide!



Arbitrator Lloyd Bailer pays careful heed as I-S attorney Asher Schwartz outlined basic principles involved in I-S fight to win pay and clean record for Eugene Rawdin, whose suspension for "insubordination" the Union opposed. It is expected that Dr. Bailer's decision will be announced in a few days.

Union Members at Roosevelt Field Endorse Plan for Community Boycott

By Dick Pastor

A new stage was reached in the Local I-S campaign to organize Roosevelt Field when union members in that store unanimously endorsed plans to organize a community boycott. The aim is to make Macy's stop using intimidation, pressure and other improper means to discourage people from organizing.

The campaign is scheduled to get underway on Saturday, March 1st, with the distribution of ten thousand leaflets. The public will be urged to write to Macy President Wheelock Bingham and to not shop in Macy's until the com-

pany allows the people in the store the right to freely discuss all issues affecting them.

Letter-writers were asked to tell Mr. Bingham that they "would rather have a good union than the influence of a known racketeer (Nathan Shefferman) in our community."

Help Needed

Underscoring the critical importance of this phase of the Union's organizing drive, President Sam Kovenetsky said:

"Members of Local I-S have a threefold obligation to the Union and the people at

Roosevelt Field at this time.

"First, to help organize this boycott for maximum efficiency. This means that those members who live in Nassau and Suffolk Counties should discuss the boycott and the reasons for it in their own community organizations.

"Second, it goes without saying that no member of our Union should violate the boycott. Don't shop in Roosevelt Field!

"And third, the help of many members is needed to carry out the planned leaflet distributions. If you are off on Saturdays and are willing to spend just a couple of hours at Roosevelt Field once or twice a month, please be sure to let me know at once."

Macy's Changing

While Macy's bent over backwards to please the people in the early days at Roosevelt Field, all reports from I-S'ers in the store indicate a changing pattern and growing discontent.

Use of Shefferman's union-busting formula has gone hand-in-hand with a disciplinary crack-down and sudden layoffs. This has led to a sharp increase of interest in Local I-S and the solutions the Union has to offer.

The leaflets to the public are designed to acquaint people with the facts of life in Macy's and to demonstrate that the company is bringing discredit on their communities by use of union-busting tactics.

Please help spread the word! Don't shop in Roosevelt Field!



Expert assistance by Local I-S accountant and his staff has saved Union members hundreds of dollars on federal income tax returns.

Blood Bank Adds Coverage; Union Proposes Aid To Roosevelt Field

Local I-S has proposed a donation of up to 50 pints of blood from the joint Local I-S, Macy's Blood Bank to help establish a similar bank for the people at Roosevelt Field. Macy's has agreed only to "consider" the Union's proposition.

The Union's action was taken by Vice President Phil Hoffstein and the Union's committee when it became known that Roosevelt Field has thus far been unable to organize a bank, and that volunteer donors have to be recruited each time a need arises.

Vice President Hoffstein pointed to the fact that the same problem and the same methods had existed in all the other stores when Macy's had single-handedly attempted to form a blood bank. "Since Local I-S threw its weight behind a joint blood program, all drives have been successful and all blood needs have been met," he said.

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Beer, Pretzels, Fun on the Menu For Union Party

A super-shindig, a wonderful wing-ding, a gala gay nineties party will be Local I-S' welcome to the spirit of Spring.

The date: Friday, March 21st.
The time: From 6:30 to 10 P.M.
The place: 290 Seventh Avenue.
The occasion: Spring!

The event: A tres gai Gay 90's beer and pretzel party.

At the piano, rippling out the happy tunes of yesteryear, will be the grande dame of Local I-S, Grace Smith.

The "As Is Trio" will come up from the Basement to wow you with the songs that put barber shops into competition with music halls.

Tapping the barrel, filling the glasses and blowing suds to the tune of the Beer Barrel Polka, will be jovial and semi-professional Harry Leibowitz.

While the beer, pretzels and fun will be unlimited—admission will be restricted to I-S'ers. All you need is 50 cents and your 1958 Union card for the biggest barrel of fun you've had in a long time. Retired members will be welcomed, free of charge.

Don't forget—March 21st—at the Union Hall!

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Worth Talking About



By President Sam Kovenetsky

THERE IS A NEW KIND OF LYNCH SPIRIT growing in our town—and the intended victims are teen-age children.

A judge who is supposed to be possessed of wisdom and impartiality leads the pack as he shouts down names and threats upon not only those who are brought before him but on tens of thousands of youngsters in general.

The press howls in full cry—like baying wolves at the moon. But their reports are at best warped, and often are outright and dangerous lies.

AN ALLEGED RAPE TAKES PLACE IN a Junior High School—and the press calls it the "rape-school." They neglect to mention that the boy involved was not a student at the school. The same is true of the teen-agers who tangled with a policeman outside—and a recreation director inside—the same school. Yet every child in that school has had to suffer the brand of going to a "bad" school . . . even though no pupil in the school has been involved in any disorder or crime!

Another interesting fact is that this particular school happens to be one of the most successfully integrated schools in New York City. Its student body is 45 percent Negro, 45 percent white, and ten percent Puerto Rican. It would seem to this interested bystander that the unwarranted attacks being hurled against this school are intended to discredit the fine and intelligent work which has been done there to promote good inter-group relations!

THEN, THERE IS THE FACT THAT some newspapers have reported "teen age crimes" which, in fact, involved no teen-agers! Lurid headlines and misleading stories have put the children—all children—on a spot they don't deserve.

Surely there are disturbed teen-agers. Surely they need all the help they can get. They need the help of psychiatrists, guidance counsellors and other social workers. Taking them from the classrooms and throwing them onto the street won't help solve their problems, or the community's problems.

I do not agree with Mayor Wagner's recommendation that these young people be allowed to leave school at the age of 14, any more than I agree with Judge Leibowitz that every school should have an armed policeman patrolling its corridors.

THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN THIS country fought far too hard and too long to win free public education for the children of workers for us to accept as a "solution" the lowering of the compulsory education age limit.

Lastly, I am opposed to the proposal because it smacks much too much of the argument now going around that education should be reserved for the economic and intellectual "elite" and that less time and money should be devoted to the children of workers!

WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT FEWER than 1,000 children have been suspended from their classrooms pending hearings (despite all the hysteria), and that more than one million children attend our city schools, you begin to realize how far out of proportion this situation has been blown up.

There can be no denying that those thousand need special consideration. But the figures surely do not indicate the kind of catastrophe in the schools that so many have been screaming about.

These youngsters, who represent all races, all creeds, and all economic backgrounds are apparently in a state of rebellion against adult authority which has failed to prove its fitness to give leadership and exercise authority.

ADULTS ALL OVER THE WORLD have yet to resolve their problems and ease their tensions. We have not yet provided a world in which our young people know they can grow up and live out their years in an atmosphere of peace and plenty. The youngsters don't ask whose fault it is—and they don't care! We are all at fault—and until we resolve these basic problems there can be no security for them or for us.

It is my hope that our great labor movement will begin to take a much more active interest in all problems affecting our youth—in and out of school. Let's not "get tough" with them. Let's fight for more federal funds for education—for more teachers (and salaries high enough to get the best)—and for skilled professionals who can do them the most good. Let us be wise, sympathetic and understanding of them and their problems. They, good and "bad" alike, are the future. We can help make it a good one.

Macy's Removes Elevator Violations; Denies Any Safety Hazards Involved

The violations charged against Macy's operation of the Herald Square freight elevators by Local 1-S have been corrected.

As a result of the Union's action, Vice President Bill Atkinson and Administrator Frank Milza report, two additional jobs have been created and two men have regained the premium pay they lost when Macy's decided to violate the law.

Even in the face of the city department's flat statement that the Macy operation was a violation, the company's vice president in charge of personnel and labor relations, Mr. Fred C. Fischer, told the Union that no hazard to safety had been involved. He

apparently shares Macy President Bingham's view that "nothing is sacred" where company profits are involved.

In practise, what the company's economy move meant was that the huge freight elevators, with trucks aboard, were left without an operator during the unloading of the trucks.

This was made necessary by the fact that the one operator was responsible for the operation of more than one elevator.

Efficiency Over Safety

What Macy's chose to completely ignore when they claimed that no hazard was involved was the ever-present danger of a control button being accidentally hit dur-

ing the unloading. Without an experienced operator on hand, a moving car would become a juggernaut of destruction—and possibly death.

From the very nature of the operation—and the risks involved—it became apparent that Macy's was primarily concerned with economic efficiency, not safety.

In addition to saving the salaries of two men, Macy's saved a contractual premium payment of 10 percent by moving the night workers onto daytime schedules.

Thanks to the alertness and persistence of Administrator Milza and Vice President Atkinson, all that is changed now.

The Borough Superintendent of the Department of Buildings said, in his official report, "In order to have this condition corrected, a violation has been filed to have the elevators placed in charge of competent designated operators at all times when they are in use."

Local 1-S is pleased to say that the order has been complied with.

MACY (ACCIDENTALLY?) WORKS S-O FULL TIME; 1-S WINS PAY

It is hard to know whether Bernard Cammarata was listed as a Saturday-Only, but employed as a full-timer by accident or design.

But the fact is that it was not until he came to the Union Office to determine his status that Administrator Jack Jampole began to untangle the confusion.

As a Saturday-Only, Cammarata was hired as a Stockman at \$1 an hour. Since he was assigned to work 40 hours a week, he was entitled to \$1.05. As a Saturday-Only he was not due an automatic increase, but as a full-timer he was entitled to another six cents an hour after 60 days.

As a Saturday-Only he would not receive the contractual Health

Plan. As a full-timer he and his family should have been covered from the time he completed his 30 days in the store.

An Eye Opener

All of this came as a wonderful surprise as Bernard Cammarata unfolded his story. And then the work began.

Administrator Jampole brought the facts to Macy's. Records were checked and corrected and back pay figured.

As a result of his curiosity and the Union's efforts Cammarata is \$73.50 richer than he expected to be. He also has the Health Plan and the full protection of the contract. "Wonderful!" said he. "All in a day's work," said the Union.

1-S WINS AFTER MACY EXHUMES DEAD REGULATION TO DENY PAY

Macy's called on the coroner and all his friends to exhume a dead and long-buried regulation as the basis for denying commission payment to furniture salesman Neal Kuypers.

Local 1-S Vice President Phil Hoffstein was on hand, however, to insist that the heap of ashes be returned to its resting place and that the commission be paid.

The disinterment began after Kuypers used all his selling charm and persuasion on a customer who finally decided to buy something that Macy's displayed, but didn't stock.

At that point, as is customary, Mr. Kuypers turned the customer over to the decorator who was to arrange for the purchase of the desired furniture. So far as Kuypers—and custom—were concerned, he had completed his sale and was entitled to the commission.

But Macy's thought otherwise.

Divisional Superintendent Frank Quigley didn't think Kuypers had any claim to the money. And the problem moved from the 9th to the 16th Floor.

It was there that Macy's began to dig into the dead past to support their argument. They cited the ancient regulation—which was so ancient that no one (even those with long service and long memories) could recollect having heard about it.

The Union's Vice President drove the nails back into the coffin and Macy's agreed to tell all the furniture salesmen that from now on they will be paid commission on all merchandise the company displays or catalogs. The only exception is that there will be no commissions paid on merchandise made by manufacturers whose lines Macy's does not carry.

The regulation is buried once and for all. May it rest in peace!

Choice Phoenix Seats Still On Sale at Union

Some choice mezzanine and balcony seats can still be had for the Phoenix Theatre's presentation of the Stratford Festival Company of Ontario's production of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona." The special Local 1-S Theatre Party is set for Friday evening, March 28th—and tickets are going fast.

Because this is a regular performance, rather than a preview, no cut price tickets are available. Local 1-S was able, however, to obtain a fine selection of seats for its party.

Mezzanine seats are priced at \$3.45, and balcony seats sell at \$2.90.

Tickets are available at the Union office, and mail orders can be filled only if they are accompanied by check or money order. No tickets can be held for more than 24 hours without payment.

For an evening of fine theatre at its best, get your tickets for the Phoenix NOW.

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Herald Tribune Columnist Finds That Clerk Shortage Costs Stores Money

Donald I. Rogers is the author of the column, "Wall Street, U.S.A." which appears regularly in the New York Herald Tribune. The following article appeared some time back—but, if anything, the department store coverage picture has gotten worse—not better—since.

BIG STORES AND VANISHING CLERKS

Every now and then some retail executive makes a speech about how tough things have become for department stores what with everybody and his cousin moving away from the metropolitan centers and into the suburbs. Then the next voice you hear is that of another retailer assuring the world that "the big happy store where grandmother shopped" will bounce back like a hoopskirt caught on a shoebutton. Just wait and see.

Well, we've been waiting quite a while now and—pardon us—we ain't seen nothin' yet.

As a customer and a devotee of the big department stores, we take the liberty to suggest that too many of the giant retail emporiums today suffer from melting sales because of a single item politely avoided in the public prints and in all the surveys on the trending to suburbia. Namely, the hardest thing, or nearly so, to find in a store is a clerk who will wait on you.

At times the quest smacks of

Stanley's storied search for Livingstone. Frankly, grandma would swallow her snuff if she could see the way that stores once famed for service are treating their customers today. Cavalier is the word for it.

Losing Battle

The scene: the toy department of a mid-town mercantile giant. The time: last week. The action: us, leaning against the pistol-and-holster shelf, conducting an informal study of time and motion.

At a toy counter luxurious with the synthetic-haired and tiny bow-legged beauties of little-girl-land, a lone harried salesgirl was trying her darndest to wait on two customers at the same time. Neither side won.

Within the next half hour three women fairly itching to buy dolls turned on their heels and walked away. They got tired of waiting. Or their commuter trains wouldn't wait.

There is economic significance to three doll-less women. These ladies were an air of prosperity and, all told, could represent sales of \$50 or more. If this is an average, it means that the doll department alone loses \$100 in sales every hour because of the clerk shortage. That's a volume vacuum of \$800 a day, representing gross profits of probably \$250.

There's executive rebuttal to this, of course. We've heard it. "You just don't understand our

problem. We can't hire too many clerks because it boosts our overhead. You don't build a bigger theatre just because you have standees, or a bigger super highway because it's crowded on Sundays. And don't forget the unions... they're murder."

Robbing Own Pockets

A good clerk in a department, dolls, divans or doilies, can more than pay for her weekly salary just by ringing up a good day's work. But store officials trundle out such interesting data as aging physical plants, higher costs, competition from discount houses and traffic congestion.

But by failing to staff their stores with skilled personnel they rob their own pockets. Beyond that is the intangible damage done to the buying moral of customers when they stomp through the revolving doors, money clutched in hand and shopping bag empty. They might not come back.

A lady, revealing her pet peeve, comes shopping for a dress. A salesgirl leads her to a booth with an armful of frocks and then disappears with a wave and a cheery, "Be back in a minute."

"Takes me longer to find that girl again than to select the dress," this life-long New Yorker complained. "And heaven help you if a zipper snags."

We've got a soft spot for that big happy store where grandma bought silk shirts, presents and mustache cups for grandpa and maybe a roll of calico for herself. We want to see the downtown store come back. We even promise to buy things there. But, please, somebody wait on us.

Hobby Show Set For Youngsters Who Are Over 60

Registration is now open for men and women aged 60 and over who wish to participate in the twelfth annual Hobby Show for Older Persons, sponsored by the Community Council of Greater New York. The show will be held April 11 through 20 at the Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street.

Entry blanks for individual exhibitors may be obtained by writing the Hobby Show Committee, Community Council of Greater New York, or by calling ORegon 9-6400.

Hobbyists must live within a 60 mile radius of New York. Their exhibits may be any type of handicraft, ranging from painting and sculpture to metalwork, weaving, ceramics, needlework, woodcarving, leathercraft and any other type of work which they make themselves. They may also show their interests in music, dramatics and dancing through programs presented during the show.

Aims of the show are to give older men and women a chance to show and share their interests and hobbies; to demonstrate how wide and varied are the creative interests of older people, and to awaken public and agency interest in the creative potentialities of older persons.

There is no admission fee for participation in the Hobby Show.



Union-sponsored dance classes have proved lots of fun. New class starts soon, but enrollment is limited—so better register now!

FEW OPENINGS REMAIN FOR 1-S DANCE CLASS IN LATIN RHYTHMS

For those who are light and fast on their feet there is still a chance to get into the Union-sponsored dance class in Latin rhythms.

Membership in the class is restricted to the first forty members in good standing who get down to the Union office and pay the \$2.50 enrollment fee.

The ten-session course will include instruction in such popular dances as the cha-cha-cha, the rumba, the tango and the merengue.

The first class will be held on Friday evening, April 4th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and will continue for ten weeks. The only interruption will come on Friday, May 30th, which is Memorial Day.

Refreshments will be served, without charge, at the end of each class.

Past dance classes sponsored by Local 1-S have proven to be very popular with men and women of all ages and all degrees of dancing aptitude. The instructor, Mr. Murray Kossover, is noted for his skill in group-teaching.

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office.

You are covered by The Health Plan only until the end of the month in which you leave the store, and have another 30 days within which to arrange for your direct payments.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan enters the hospital or has medical care covered by the Health Plan you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter. Forms must be filled out and returned directly to the Union office.

Protect yourself—protect your family—protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time.

The size of the class has been limited in order to enable all dancing students to get the greatest benefit from both group and personal instruction.

Five Weeks Left To File For 1-S Camp Program

With only five Wednesdays left on which to make application for the Local 1-S summer camp program, interested members are urged to act quickly.

Absolutely no applications will be accepted for either camp or Friendly Town after Wednesday, April 2nd.

Applications may be obtained by applying either in person or by mail to: Camp Program, Local 1-S, 290 Seventh Avenue, New York 1.

All applications, however, must be returned to the Union office IN PERSON on any Wednesday between now and April 2nd from 5:30 to 7 P.M. Applications will be accepted only from members who are in good standing.

Eligibility

Most camp and Friendly Town openings are available to boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14.

Applicants are accepted based on general economic circumstance and the supervised recreational facilities available for children of working parents.

Parents are encouraged to pay approximately \$10 a week for children assigned to camps for the two week vacation period. This fee is designed to cover only a part of the child's board.

All camps and Friendly Town vacation homes maintain the highest standards and are closely supervised by appropriate state and private agencies.

Applications, which are received from unions and community organizations throughout the city, are subject to the final approval of a camp committee working under the combined sponsorship of the Community Services Committee and the Greater New York Fund.

Blood Bank Extends Coverage...

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Coverage Extended

At the same meeting of Local 1-S and Macy's Blood Bank committee members, called for the purpose of reviewing the bank's assets, it was decided to extend the scope of coverage until the middle of May.

For the next three months blood bank coverage will be as follows:

Members of Local 1-S, Macy executives and exempt personnel, their husbands or wives and children under 19 years of age, and members in good standing who are on maternity leave, are all covered up to a limit of 25 pints. Saturday-onlies receive the same coverage for themselves, but their families are excluded.

The parents of full and part time members are covered up to a limit of five pints.

Widows, widowers and divorced members without children will receive the same coverage for themselves and their parents as single members.

Parents can be covered, the committee pointed out, only if their names are on record at the Union office at least thirty days before a request for blood is made.

New Drive Coming

With the 1958 Blood Bank drive set for mid-May, a special subcommittee was set up to begin preparations.

Representing the Union on the subcommittee are Vice President Hoffstein, Blood Bank chairman Deby Valencia, Clifford Sanders and Jerry Harte. Mr. John Aucock will represent Macy's.

The subcommittee will be responsible for the preliminary planning of publicity and the campaign for pledges.

"Our blood bank has done a

wonderful job this year, and many years before," said Vice President Hoffstein. "This has been possible because of the outstanding response when volunteers have been called for."

"There is no doubt that the bank can be of even greater service in the future. In fact, the only thing that can limit us is the number of people who answer our call. The more volunteers and donors we get, the more blood we will have and the more people we will be able to cover. It is entirely up to YOU!"

Sam Kovenetsky Extends Thanks To Members

President Sam Kovenetsky extended "most sincere thanks," on behalf of himself and his family for the many expressions of sympathy extended on the passing of his father.

He said, "I regret that it is all but impossible for me to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to all the individuals and entire departments that sent messages and remembrances for my father."

"I am therefore taking this means to extend my heartfelt thanks to those whose words and deeds meant so much to me and my entire family."

"It is a source of great satisfaction to know that I not only have so many fine associates, but so many fine friends as well."

President Kovenetsky's father, David, died on February 7th, at the age of 78 after a brief illness.

Spaceman's Visit to Herald Square Is 'Out of This World' Experience

By Henriette Carter

When Pilot PRV-7 took off after the stockholders' meeting he sat at his saucer's controls deep in high altitude thought. The meeting had made a profound impression on him and made him more curious than he had ever been in all his 5,681 years.

Dawdling along at about 50,000 miles an hour in outer space he came to an abrupt decision. He jabbed hard at a series of control buttons. He carefully calculated his landing point—and before Macy's could say "No" to a raise, he landed on the roof of that huge edifice known as Macy's Herald Square.

For Pilot PRV-7, thought and action came so close together that they were almost one and the same.

He thought of the Toy Department, and he was there!

He felt the heat closing in around him, but instead of turning on his air conditioning unit, he pressed the appearance button.

There he stood—in the middle of the department—dressed in full space uniform when Miss Violent Fluke (a "thing" with a white flower) rushed up and screamed, "You're late from lunch! Get back to space toys immediately!! I don't know whether you'll get that bonus!!!" she said threateningly.

The crowd milled around him. Men and women grabbed at toys, asked questions, demanded answers, thrust money into his hands, and waited for change.

The visitor caught on fast and was soon on the same conveyor belt as the others. Toy, money, change... toy, money change...

After a bit of this routine, he

decided he had better ask a few questions. What are these "things" with white flowers? Why was everyone in such a mad rush? What was this 'gotta have it by Christmas'?

"Look," said a fellow called a Shop Steward who said he was speaking for the Union, "Only by working together can we have any control over this crowd of customers. You have to watch out for white flowers because the harder they drive us the more important it makes them look. They like to make it seem as though they're doing the real big job—instead of us."

Another worker said softly, "You asked about Christmas. . . Well, once, nearly two thousand years ago there was a strange star in the sky—the Star of Bethlehem." (The spaceman was delighted. So that was the star that had puzzled his people all these years!) "It was never meant to be a rat race like this—it was meant to be joyous."

"But you have a Union," the man from space exclaimed. "Why are you working these crazy hours at this mad pace?" "It's that phony bonus," she nearly shouted. "It drives people MAD!"

Just then Miss Neva Flinch collapsed right in the middle of the expensive dolls she had been selling for the last 49 years and eleven months.

The stretcher on which she was being carried out was followed by a "thing" with a white flower who kept intoning—as though she was performing a

ritual—"Now you'll lose the bonus . . . now you'll lose the bonus . . . now you'll lose . . ."

As these words penetrated Miss Flinch's troubled mind she rolled off the stretcher, struggled to her feet and made her unsteady way back to her precious dolls. "I wouldn't miss that bonus if it killed me! I wouldn't! I wouldn't!" she kept muttering.

Sad to say, it nearly did!

As for Pilot PRV-7, he was more confused than ever. People nearly killing themselves for money! A joyous holiday turned into a race for money. People who have power when they work together insisting on working apart! All this was more than he could even begin to understand.

As he tucked a black lace nightgown under his arm for his wife, and some space toys for the kiddies, (all paid for) he joked, "And they say I'm out of this world!" With that he pushed a button and disappeared.



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OFFICIAL NOTICE Divisional Meeting Schedule

This is the only official notice provided for in Article IX, Sec. to be given for Divisional Meeting 4 of the Local 1-S Conventions for all members including tuition.

Saturday-onlies and Fractionals. Absence excuses must be filed Admission will be by 1958 with your Shop Steward within Union card. An unexcused ab-five days before or after the sence will be liable to a \$2 assess-scheduled date of your meeting ment to the Welfare Fund as **BE SURE TO ATTEND!**

GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Ad-Display (PT-FT)	Mon. Mar. 3	6:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Bofa, Comp. (PT-FT)	Tues. Mar. 4	4:45 P.M.	Auditorium
4th Fl. (PT)	Tues. Mar. 4	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
4th Fl. (FT)	Tues. Mar. 11	4:45 P.M.	Auditorium
8th Fl. (PT)	Tues. Mar. 11	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
8th Fl. (FT)	Wed. Mar. 12	5:00 P.M.	Auditorium
DA-CT (PT)	Wed. Mar. 12	6:30 P.M.	Auditorium
DA-CT (FT)	Fri. Mar. 14	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
MTE, Alt-Repair	Tues. Mar. 18	6:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Controllers	Wed. Mar. 19	6:45 P.M.	Hotel Martinique
Receiving (PT-FT)	Wed. Mar. 19	4:45 P.M.	Auditorium
2nd Fl. (PT)	Wed. Mar. 19	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
2nd Fl. (FT)	Tues. Mar. 25	4:45 P.M.	Auditorium
Basement (PT)	Tues. Mar. 25	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
Basement (FT)	Wed. Mar. 26	4:45 P.M.	Auditorium
7th Fl. (PT)	Wed. Mar. 26	6:45 P.M.	Auditorium
7th Fl. (FT)	Tues. Apr. 1	3:00 P.M.	Auditorium
Housekeeping (PT)	Tues. Apr. 1	6:30 P.M.	Auditorium
Housekeeping (FT)			

PT—Part Time; FT—Full Time; PT-FT—combined Part Time, Full-Time. *Asterisk denotes meeting at which Executive Board election will be held. All meetings are at the Union office unless otherwise indicated.

City School Offers Golf Lessons

Stuyvesant High School (1st Avenue and 15th Street) is offering classes—for beginners and advanced students of the art of beating a small ball with a big club—golf, that is.

Classes will be held on Mondays or Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. or from 8:30 to 9:30 P.M. Registration will take place a week of March 10th—and classes will begin on March 17th. There is an enrollment fee of \$1.00.

PERSONALS

WANTED—Transformer for conversion of DC to AC current for television. Must be in good condition, reasonable. Please phone WA 4-4796 evenings.

FOR SALE—Nine piece walnut dining room set, with leaves, \$150. Three piece Krochler mohair living room set, excellent condition, \$150. Seven piece bedroom set, light mahogany, \$75. Blue woolen rug, \$25. \$15. Call Mr. Zingaro, FI 3-4655.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

TO THE EDITOR

LOW-COST HOUSING

Some time ago Macy employees were given a form to fill out regarding low cost housing. I am sure that many besides myself returned the form with a favorable reply. Yet, to date nothing more has been heard about it.

I write for those of us who cannot buy houses (at \$75 per week it is an impossibility) or who do not care to live in government projects. We are still living under crowded conditions, because rentals for larger quarters are higher than we can afford.

Why was the matter of housing dropped. Can't a strong union such as Macy's employees belong too, provide its members with adequate, reasonable housing?

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Doris Lerner

Editor's Note:

Unfortunately, the response to the Local 1-S questionnaire was not large enough to permit the Union's going ahead with plans for a cooperative housing development.

Members who are interested in getting additional information about existing cooperatives or those that are now in the planning stage should get in touch with the United Housing Foundation at 11 West 42nd Street.

BLOOD

I want to thank you for the blood my wife got from the Blood Bank, and also the Health Plan benefits. It sure helped a lot.

Sincerely,
Harold Bliven,
Freight Elevators

WONDERFUL

Just a few lines to let you know how much I appreciate the wonderful benefits the Health Plan has given to me in the recent illness of my husband—also toward

the eye operation he had last May. My husband joins me in thanking you for the benefits received. It sure was a great help.

Sincerely,
Selma Goldman, 157 Dept.

PROMPT

Thanks you very much for the nice get-well card I received from the Welfare Board. And also the prompt payment of my doctor and hospital bills.

One can certainly appreciate a good health plan when sickness comes.

Sincerely,
Lillian Wade

1-S Attorneys Add Member to Firm

John F. O'Donnell and Asher W. Schwartz, Local 1-S attorneys, have announced the addition of Edith Lowenstein, a member of the bar of Washington, D.C. and the State of New York to the staff of the law firm of O'Donnell and Schwartz.

Miss Lowenstein has been immigration and naturalization attorney for the Common Council for American Unity, and is recognized as a leading authority on the subjects of immigration, natu-

ralization, deportation and nationality. Prior to her association with the Common Council for American Unity, Miss Lowenstein was a trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice, assigned to the Alien Property and Criminal Divisions of the Department.

She will participate actively in the representation of clients of O'Donnell and Schwartz in their general practice of the law.

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